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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Madam:

In reply to the Office action mailed January 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present claim in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 14-19 and enter the following proposed amendments to
claim 1:

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1. A method for the amplification of a population of nucleic acids comprising a population of poly(A)+ RNA, said method comprising: